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**SUBJECT: (COINTELPRO)**

**WHITE HATE GROUPS**

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10/6/65

SAC, BOSTON (100-31648)

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

*DISCUSS RACE HATE GROUPS 100-1*

ReBulet to Boston, 7/7/65.

On 10/4 and 5/65, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised  
[REDACTED] had recently reorganized their  
program at [REDACTED] in an effort to stimulate listener  
interest. [REDACTED] currently [REDACTED]

This program is of a spontaneous conversation  
type where [REDACTED] questions and discusses current  
controversial topics with a guest for one hour and then  
has listeners telephone the station to question [REDACTED] or  
his guest.

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background and their membership in the Young Socialist Alliance and Progressive Labor, and the influence some left wing groups have exerted on local college youths.

[REDACTED] that under no circumstances may [REDACTED] reveal the Bureau's interest.

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An extra copy of this letter is being designated to the Counterintelligence Section handling Klan type organizations.

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The Bureau is requested to expedite a reply to the latter Section suggestion [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

WICK, RUSSEL (157-1167)  
(100-11648)

10/14/65

Director, FBI (157-1167) - 1

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1 - Mr. Wick  
1 - Mr. Rosack  
1 - Mr. Walsh  
1 - Mr. Ryan

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Authority is granted for experienced Special Agents to repeatedly telephone station WIS during the appearance of Shelton to put to him questions calculated to embarrass or expose the activities of the Klan. In this regard, you may use the following questions:

1. What is your salary as Imperial Wizard of the Klan? (Shelton is reportedly paid \$3,000 a year by the Klan, but he avoids admitting any Klan income.)
2. If you have no income from the Klan, how do you support your family and pay the expenses of your activities? (In the past, Shelton has reported income from a variety of small employers and it is apparent such payments are a cover for funds received from the Klan.)

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3. Is it true your wife is on the payroll of the Klan and does secretarial work for the organization? (Shelton's wife has been employed by the Klan but also avoids indicating any salary is received from the Klan.)
4. Where did you get the new Cadillac you drive? (It was given to him by the Klan.) If the Klan is hard-pressed for funds, why don't you use a less expensive automobile?
5. The "Sussex News" edition of 9/12/64 reports you are listed as having been on the payroll of a Mobile engineering firm as a public relations man. What was the nature of your duties and do you have an engineering background? Was this a political pay-off?
6. The Klan claims to be anticommunist and has made reckless accusations regarding alleged communist affiliations of prominent Americans. Do you actually know anything about communism? What is the address of Communist Party National Headquarters? Name three leaders of the American Communist Party and their titles.

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Advise the Bureau of any tangible results of your efforts. If possible, you should obtain a tape of the Haywood Vincent Program featuring Robert Shelton.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-5)  
(100-3-104-5)

DATE: 11/22/65

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (157-398) (P)  
(100-31648)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
INTERNAL SECURITY  
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
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ReBulet to Boston, 10/14/65, captioned as above.

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Boston will continue to follow this matter and keep the Bureau advised.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/27/65

FROM : SAC, BOSTON

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
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(BSFID 157-398) (C)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
COMMUNIST INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
(BUPIL 100-3-104-5)  
(BSFID 100-31648) (P)

Re Boston letter to Director dated 11/22/65 and  
Boston telephone call to the Bureau 12/15/65.

On 12/22/65, [REDACTED] b6 b7C  
Red. Station WHAC, Brookline Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts,  
furnished the enclosed two reels of Ampex recording tape which  
contain a radio interview of ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard,  
United Klans of America, Inc., which took place on 12/15/65  
on "Boston Forum," Radio Station WHAC. Reel 1 contains a  
number of questions asked of SHELTON by HAYWOOD VINCENT,  
"Boston Forum" moderator, and SHELTON's answers to these  
questions. Reel 2 contains a number of phone calls made  
to the radio station recording the reaction of the station  
listeners to SHELTON's appearance on "Boston Forum."

Also enclosed for the information of the Bureau  
are fifty-one typed answers used by SHELTON in response to  
the questions asked of him by moderator VINCENT. In addition  
to the above, there is also enclosed clipping from the radio  
page of 12/15/65 of the "Boston Globe" advertising the fact  
that SHELTON was appearing on "Boston Forum."

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When SHELTON arrived in Boston, he was accompanied by his Attorney, LESTER CHALMERS, of Raleigh, North Carolina, and CHALMERS and SHELTON told WRAC officials that SHELTON could not answer any questions by the radio audience. SHELTON said he was doing this on advice of counsel since he was under a continuing subpoena and any incriminating statements made by him over the air could have an adverse effect on the HCUA hearings being conducted in Washington into Klan affairs.

[REDACTED]

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It should be noted that most of the telephone inquiries made by WRAC listeners and recorded in Reel 2 are anti-SHELTON and the Klan.

It is unfortunate that Boston was unable to utilize the prepared questions on the program. However, as Reel 2 indicates, the listeners of the program indicated they were not in favor of SHELTON or his Klan nor were they impressed with his line of reasoning..

In addition to the above, it is believed that some valuable information was developed by [REDACTED]

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The enclosed thirty-one answers also indicate the type of propaganda the Klan is currently utilizing in their public relations campaign to improve their public image.

In view of the above, Boston is closing the 157 case and will continue to carry the Counterintelligence Program captioned case in a pending status.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

# EXCLUSIVE!

## TALK TO THE IMPERIAL WIZARD KKK

TONIGHT 6:15  
BOSTON FORUM  
WVAC RADIO 68



(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

BOSTON GLOBE  
Boston, Mass.

BOSTON HERALD  
Boston, Mass.

BOSTON TRAVELER  
Boston, Mass.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE  
MONITOR  
Boston, Mass.

REPUBLICAN  
Boston, Mass.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Edition: \_\_\_\_\_  
Author: \_\_\_\_\_  
Editor: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 1) You are right; there is a great deal of confusion in this regard. The facts are - and I want to make this plain: there are some 20 different organizations in various areas of the country that use the words Ku Klux Klan in their names. I am the Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, and this organization, dedicated to fighting intolerance and communism, lawlessness and violence, has no connection, in any way, shape or form, with those other groups. So, please remember, whenever I use the word Klan in this interview, I refer ONLY to the United Klans of America, and not to any group commonly referred to as the KKK.
- 2) The way you word your question, you make it hard to answer. I am in no position, either to speak for or comment upon the activities of any so-called Klan group other than the UKA, to shorten the United Klans of America. And, let me make it plain right here and now - members of the UKA meet openly in meetings that are well advertised, and NEVER wear hoods or masks, and if any member is found to engage in acts of terrorism he is immediately stripped of his membership. I regret that the so-called outsiders to whom you refer, or at least some of them, do not separate the wheat from the chaff and mistakenly ascribe to the UKA acts of secret violence which are foreign to the concepts upon which the United Klans of America was founded.
- 3) I harbor no hatred toward any man, woman or child, or any group of citizens; but, I do dislike, with every fiber of my being those who consciously seek to destroy the American Way of Life by flaunting all the laws they dislike and violating the lofty principles laid down in the Constitution by the Founding Fathers. I find in my heart hatred for the objectives of those who seek erosion

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of the social and political mores of the American Way of Life, which, if successful, can only result in a Communist take-over of this land of free America.

- 5) I do not find myself in serious disagreement with your observations in respect to what I shall call the first two Klan eras. As to the third, or present era -- and remember, I speak only for the UKA, we do have a super-patriotic drive if being anti-communist is anything more than just plain down-to-earth American patriotism, the kind we learned at our mothers' knees. As to the right-wing tag, we represent a cross-section of middle-of-the-road America with an abiding devotion to the principle that every man has the right to choose his associates so long as he does not force himself or his presence on any of his fellow man and remains law-abiding.

The expression "The Klan" is a generic term generally used, by most uneducated people, in a mistaken belief they are referring to a single organization.

Soon after the end of the War Between the States, the first Klan - a single entity - came into being to wrest political control away from the exploiting Carpetbaggers who without the sanction, or even the color of law, had seized control of the governmental machinery. When that monumental task was finished, the Klan was voluntarily disbanded by its then leaders who had become thoroughly disgusted and disillusioned by excesses perpetrated by lawless former Carpetbaggers who had infiltrated Klan ranks in some areas of the South.

- 6) The answer insofar as the United Klans of America is concerned - is a short and emphatic NO.

12) As you must know, Chairman Willis of the Committee on Un-American Activities, in his formal statement of November 9th, revealed - and I quote him: "... there are about a dozen different Klan organizations operating today. The hearings show that Klan strength is considerably greater than was generally estimated at the time our investigation began. It was then believed that total Klan membership was about 10,000. It is the Committee's present estimate that the actual figure is four to five times that number." (end quote). I respectfully decline to challenge the Chairman's estimate. After all, the Committee he heads has at its command all the resources of the FBI, the CIA, IRS, Department of Justice and a host of other government agencies to determine such figures for it. All I can add is that the membership of the UKA is showing a gratifying growth pattern.

13) The UKA is not a fascist or communist group, a monarchy or dictatorship. Its governmental structure is patterned after methods of achieving a representative form of government set forth by the Founding Fathers of this nation. Delegates are selected by popular vote of the membership at large, and then those elected delegates meet in convention to elect the Imperial officers. I was elected, and have been re-elected Imperial Wizard simply because a majority of the delegates, at two conventions, voted for me.

14) The old Confederacy, it is true, mothered the original KKK, a birth born out of Necessity, but today the influence of the UKA has no geographic bounds. It is felt in the North, the South, the East, and the West wherever men seek to preserve the heritage initiated by the Tea Party of long ago in yonder Boston Harbor.

- 16) I hate no man. On the other hand, I dislike, yes, I even hate -- for Webster's Dictionary gives as the meaning of hate, to dislike intensely -- the spectacle of draft card burning, protest marches and rioting that tear at the very vitals of law and order. I dislike intensely, yes, I even hate, the current doctrine espoused by certain civil rights self-styled leaders that those laws they don't like are to be trampled under foot and ignored while claiming the protection of other laws that are to their liking. And, to answer the first part of your question -- yes, I am a Christian by belief and practice. I try at all times to obey the injunction of Jesus Christ to render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's.
- 17) To serve as a focal point for the energies of those American citizens who despise laws of all kinds and who are dedicated to the preservation of a free society such as was envisioned by the architects of the American Constitution.
- 18) A building contractor is never entirely satisfied with the progress he is making on a job, but he must always be sure of his foundation and footings. On this basis, I am pleased with the progress up to date.
- 19) Justice Whittier
- 20) I did not personally witness the Selma March, but I recommend for your reading this book -- Selma -- which graphically describes that unprovoked and immoral attack through the lowlands of Alabama.

- 21) In the main I have no criticism of the treatment accorded me or the organization I head.
- 22) Any criticism I may have would be directed toward a small segment of the news media, a very small segment, that has permitted itself to fall victim to the corrupting force of news management and control.
- 24) I have no knowledge of any such advocacy, and assure you that it is not a part of the doctrine of the UKA.
- 25) During those periods in American history when there was a united effort, this nation did grow strong and great; but, now let me ask you a question: there is a varied combination of people, in one united effort, in Watts or in Harlem, and is there a united effort in respect to Viet Nam? Of course there isn't, and there isn't, simply because of economic infiltration.
- 26) It is our effort, our dream, our hope, to unite the people of America; just as they became united, and acted as one, in the case of the Boston Tea Party.
- 28) Mr. Vincent, in answer to that question I refer back to my previous statement in respect to the aims of the UKA, in which I said we seek to be a focus point for the American hope and aspiration that those who suffered and died at Valley Forge to leave for their descendants a heritage of constitutional government shall not have died in vain.
- 29) No.

- 30) Not completely. In an organization such as ours, just as sometimes happens in government, a weak individual succumbs to temptation and demands of the flesh, and on rare occasions I have deemed it necessary to demand an erring one's resignation from the UKA. That policy shall be continued, and every member of the organization knows it.
- 21) We members of the UKA are God-fearing Americans. Our polar star is Christ, and we are freedom loving. Communism is anti-Christ by its very nature and destructive of individual freedom. We have charted our course, with our polar star to guide us, to excise from the body politic, through education and precept, the cancerous, pus-dripping sore of foreign isms that threatens our American way of life. We will not be turned from that course.
- 37) Mr. Vincent, WKAC AM - TV has today given me an opportunity, through asking your questions, to convey to your listening and viewing audience the true story of the UKA, and for this courtesy I am deeply grateful.
- 39) Within the membership of the UKA there is no secrecy. No member of the UKA at any time, within or out of regalia, ever covers his face or attempts to hide his identity. True, only the individual member himself can make public the fact that he is a member, but this is to protect him from economic reprisal and harassment. And, in this connection, I call your attention to the fact that the Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that even the Communist Party -- which seeks, preaches and fosters overthrow of our government -- is under no

legal compulsion to reveal its membership, or the identity of anyone affiliated with it.

I resent very much, as many millions of other American citizens must resent, the implication that a patriotic group dedicated to the vital task of eradicating those forces who advocate the overthrow of our government, should be forced, through "remedial legislation" gimmickery, to make public its membership rolls while the common enemy continues its borrowing from within under the constitutional protection provided it by a Supreme Court edict. How silly can one get in seeking re-election?

Q) I have great faith and confidence in local governmental authorities and in our very efficient FBI, and it would seem to me that if the gentleman you refer to has in his possession facts proving, or even indicating crimes of a heinous nature, and the identities of the guilty parties, those agencies would have already had the culprits before the bar of justice. It should be pointed out in passing, however, that the UKA was not in existence until 1961 and the statute of limitations has not yet run against any alleged heinous crimes which might have been committed by any member of our organization; so again the UKA is a victim -- in print, that is -- of a vicious generality.

Q4) No, most emphatically, No, insofar as violent activity is concerned. The UKA is non-violent in purpose and practice. And, I firmly believe in the adequacy of our legal system and the efficiency of our law-enforcement agencies, as I stated a few moments ago. I likewise firmly believe that all laws -- not just those that suit the fancy and convenience of a militant group of men -- should be enforced regardless of threats of economic boycotts and political reprisals.

- 45) Yes. I have many Negro friends for whom I have both respect and regard.
- 46) Several times during the course of this interview both you and I have referred to my Christianity, and Sir, I answer your question by recalling that the Lord Jesus told his followers, Suffer Little Children to Come Unto Me, and that on the occasion of the Last Supper, He added His commandment to the Commandments, saying, This Is My Commandment, that ye Love one another, as I have loved you... I am a follower of Christ.
- 47) None, whatsoever.
- 48) No, Jesus was, and is, the Son of God, and the Savior of all mankind.
- 49) Yes. The structure of the United Klans of America is patterned very much after the structure built by Christ to carry His message to the world. The Son of God had 12 Disciples; the UKA has 12 Imperial Officers. His disciples' mission was to teach how to overcome the evil of Satan; the mission of the Imperial Officers of the UKA, and the rank and file of the membership, is to teach how to overcome and defy, within the bounds of the judicial processes, the evil of corruption and communistic enslavement of a free people.
- 50) Several Negroes, unimpaired by a craving for political power and greed for wealth that characterizes the acts of so many of their breed's self-styled leaders, have told me they are sympathetic toward the objectives of the Klan.
- 51) Mr. Vincent, I do not believe that any man who is intellectually honest with himself and who recognizes there is no possible chance of him finding himself in such a position, could possibly give an honest answer to such a question. Certainly, I would not attempt to do so.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. *[Signature]*

DATE: 11/3/71

FROM : J.W. Marshall

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
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